

## TOWN OF TUPPER LAKE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

August 14, 2014

Roll Call: Supervisor Patricia S. Littlefield  
 Councilman John Quinn  
 Councilman Michael Dechene  
 Councilwoman Kathleen Lefebvre  
 Councilman Rick Skiff

Recording Secretary: Laurie J Fuller – Town Clerk

Press: Dan McClelland – Tupper Lake Free Press  
 Shaun Kittle – Adirondack Daily Enterprise

Also: Paul O’Leary – Assessor/Code Officer  
 William Dechene – Highway Superintendent

Guest: Becky Preve / Director for Franklin County Cares  
 Paul Maroun / Village Mayor  
 Karen Bisso / Assembly Candidate  
 Lawrence McNamara / Lake Simond Resident  
 Rudolph Schneider / River Road Resident  
 Eric Shaheen / Resident  
 Jerry Fletcher / Previous Town Councilman

Supervisor Littlefield called regular town board meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. opening with the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Establish Agenda:
  1. Add item 10.4 Agreement for Expenditure of Highway Moneys (Chips)

2. Approve Minutes:

Town Clerk provided each board member a drafted copy of minutes dated July 10, 2014 for approval.

Motion to approve minutes as written for meeting dated July 10, 2014 was made by Councilman Dechene

Seconded by Councilman Skiff  
 All Town Board Members voted AYE 5/0 Littlefield, Quinn, Dechene, Lefebvre, Skiff

3. Becky Preve  
 Director for Franklin County CARES Unit:

Becky Preve, Director for the Franklin County CARES Unit spoke to town board members about the services her new agency offers. She explained her unit was recently added to the Franklin County Office for the Aging. The CARES Unit is dedicated to helping older people avoid the headaches of trying to manage their care all by themselves. The senior population is growing, by the year 2050 the number of Americans 65 years of age and older are expected to exceed 800 million up from today. Supervisor Littlefield stated today many seniors do not want to go to the nursing homes and prefer to receive care in their own homes.

Councilwoman Lefebvre serves on the Mercy Care Board, noted that many people, particularly in the northern part of the county, have started volunteering for the CARES

Part of Becky’s job as a director is to visit the senior citizen centers here and across the county to meet local seniors and familiarize them with the services and the help that is out there.

4. Lawrence McNamara  
 Lake Simond Road Complaint:

Mr. McNamara a resident on Lake Simond Road appeared before the town board complaining about the road condition on Lake Simond. He was assured by the Highway Superintendent and Town Board the road would be repaired within the next few weeks.

- 5. Mayor Paul Maroun  
Update on new emergency building:

Mayor Maroun stated that the \$4.6 million project started off with people talking about a grant to help pay for part of total cost. Hueber-Breuer consulting contractor was going to get us a \$1.2 million grant, but that did not happen. Bids for construction came in a \$600,000 under estimates, about \$172.00 per square foot. A \$500,000 grant has been secured for project from Senator Betty Little. \$82,000 budgeted for excavation, County did it for nothing. In the budget is a \$250,000 contingency for the project.

Supervisor Littlefield worried about that the \$120,000 the town currently pays for fire protection could easily double to \$240,000. Town residents have expressed anger that they would likely pay the majority of the cost of the new building, yet didn't get to vote on its approval, as per state law. The town's first payment to the new station would come in town's 2016 budget. Supervisor Littlefield encouraged Mayor Maroun to prepare all cost estimate figures soon before both boards sit down to negotiate funding formula.

Councilman Quinn stated his concerns were keeping the budget below the tax cap.

Councilman Quinn has some concerns about the police activity outside the village limits, maybe agreement should be looked at again. Mayor Maroun responded before this contract, the village police acted as first responders and in doing so saved many lives. But it was illegal and the village was open to law suits. To circumvent that problem the contract was drawn to permit the village department to occasionally patrol the township; however it must patrol entire Township.

- 6. Approve Abstract #8

Town of Tupper Lake  
Abstract #8-2014-August 14, 2004  
Vouchers #2014-0488 – 2014-0610

Fund		Prepaid/Debit	Unpaid	Total
General	200.01	\$26,980.10	\$35,638.56	\$62,618.66
General (B)	200.02	-	\$750.00	\$750.00
Highway	200.03	-	\$4,211.71	\$4,211.62
Highway Outside	200.04	-	\$21,628.71	\$21,628.71
Fire District	200.06	-	-	-
Sewer #5	200.10	\$66.48	\$36.37	\$102.85
Sewer #8-1	200.12	-	\$5.06	\$5.06
Sewer #8-2	200.13	\$33.24	\$13.45	\$46.69
Sewer #17	200.15	\$33.24	\$5.06	\$5.06
Sewer #17-1	200.16	-	\$442.31	\$442.31
Sewer #17-2	200.17	-	\$39.13	\$39.13
Sewer #23	200.19	-	\$15,315.76	\$15,315.76
Water #3	200.21	\$33.24	\$42.22	\$75.46
Water #17	200.30	-	-	-
Moody Lighting	200.31	-	\$537.39	-
Water #15	200.36	-	\$4.67	\$4.67
Total for Abstract		\$27,146.30	\$78,670.31	\$105,816.61

Motion to approve Abstract #8 as presented in the amount of \$105,816.61 was made by Councilman Quinn.

Seconded by Councilwoman Lefebvre  
All Town Board Member voted AYE 5/0 Littlefield, Quinn, Dechene, Lefebvre, Skiff

- 7. Approve Monthly Reports:

Code Officer

## Monthly Report July 2014

13 Building Permits issued in July

0 Demolition Permits

5 Complaint filed

Completed 15 field inspections

July 2014 miles logged 99

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted:

Paul O'Leary  
Code Enforcement Officer  
Town of Tupper Lake

Youth Activity Director

### **Recreation Report for August 14, 2014**

#### **BEACHFEST –**

I hope to see everyone at this weekend's event. There is a lot planned for all ages including paintball triathlon, fun run, movie, cardboard boat regatta, sand castle making contest and watermelon eating contest. Plus Phil Singer is coming back to craft another giant sand sculpture. **ATTACHED** is what he intends to do for this year.

#### **STORAGE BARN –**

There have been discussions about using leftover funds from an old member item grant to purchase an equipment shed to use for storage of baseball/softball equipment at the municipal park. Assemblywoman Duprey was able to get our contract amended to allow for this purchase. We have roughly \$1,200 and leftover and the storage barns vary in price and design. **ATTACHED** is a price list from Adirondack Storage Barns. Any advice or recommendations would be appreciated.

#### **LOGO –**

I took our archaic logo to the guys at Stacked Graphics. I thought it made sense to have a digital version that could be easily applied to any number of things. **ATTACHED** is what they came up with.

**ZOMBIE WALK –** The Zombie Walk is back on except it will be in early October after our original date was stolen. I asked last meeting for some material and band money if possible. I figure \$600 should cover entertainments and small supply costs.

**BROCHURE –** As winter looms I thought it might be a good idea to redo our cross country ski brochure. Last time we ordered a 1,000 brochures at I believe \$450. The new brochure would need a bit of updating so I will get in contact with John Gillis about doing an updated map showing the additional trails.

**EARLY SUMMER REPORT** – Most sports numbers remained static with the exception of softball which gained in numbers. Participation in Day Camp was down but the program has received rave reviews from participants and their parents. I have thought about on a smaller scale doing a one week camp during Christmas Break and February break. It would be easy to do and would give kids that aren’t fortunate to go away at these times something to do. Your thoughts are welcome. Staff requirement would be minimal.

**CAMPGROUND EXPANSION** – When the DOH representative was doing the beach and day camp inspection I spoke to her about adding several additional sites with water/sewer/electric. She mailed me some good information on how to proceed. Basically the first step would be to get a survey done of where the sites would be located and where septic would be placed. There is also a set forth standard in which the size of each spot needs to be. We can discuss more at a later date if anyone so wishes.

**Dog Control Officer**

Town of Tupper Lake  
Dog Control Report

For the Month of: July

Date: 7-31-14

Complaints Received	3
Complaints Answered	3
Dogs Captured	3
Dogs return to owner	2
Dogs turned over to DCO	2
Dogs transported to Humane Society	0
Dogs Adopted	0
Dogs Euthonized	0
Dogs treated by Vet	0
Dangerous Dog Complaints	1
Tickets issued	0
Mileage 30	DCO Shaheen R Shaheen

Report prepared by Shaheen R Shaheen DCO

Motion to approve monthly reports from Code Officer, Youth Activity Director, Dog Control Officer, Highway Superintendent & Littlewolf Caretaker was made by Councilman Dechene

Seconded by Councilwoman Lefebvre  
All Town Board Members voted AYE 5/0 Littlefield, Quinn, Dechene, Lefebvre, Skiff

8. Committee Reports:

Supervisor Littlefield stated we received a letter from Mayor Maroun & Village Trustees thanking Paul O’Leary for assisting the village with code enforcement and safety needs within the village while Pete was out. Also thanking Highway Department for assisting Department of Public Works with the excavation of our new Emergency Service Building.

9. Adult Center Roof repair resolution:

RESOLUTION #26 -2014

OF

THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF TUPPER LAKE  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, NEW YORK

WHEREAS, the Tupper Lake Adult Center is in need of some roof repairs, and

WHEREAS, the town owns the building the Adirondack Adult Center Board on May 22, 2014 passed a resolution that the Tupper Lake Adult Center would replace the roof shingles on the Adult Center and would pay for it, and provide insurance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, at a regular town board meeting held August 14, 2014, board members passed a resolution approving the Tupper Lake Adult center to pay for repairs to roof on Adult Center.

Motion: Councilwoman Lefebvre

Seconded: Councilman Skiff

Action: Carried 5/0 vote

Date: August 14, 2014

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Laurie J Fuller – Town Clerk RMC

10. Revise Littlewolf Rules and Regulations &  
Application for use of Town Owned Community Facilities:

**Application for Use of Town Owned Community Facilities**

Any facility can be reserved by a resident of the Town of Tupper Lake or a Town of Tupper Lake based organization only.

Please contact Recreation Department at (518) 359-8370 to determine availability on your preferred date(s).

The use of this facility requires a **\$50.00 charge**, plus \$200 deposit. Complete the form, print, and remit with \$50.00 charge & deposit (cash, check) to:

Town of Tupper Lake  
120 Demars Blvd.  
Tupper Lake, NY 12986

Your reservation will then be approved and confirmation/receipt will be emailed or mailed within 5 business days.

**Town of Tupper Lake  
Community Facilities**

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**120 Demars Blvd.  
Tupper Lake, NY 12986  
(518) 359-8370  
(518) 359-2634 FAX**

**Today's Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Facility Requested:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Facility Requested:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Time:** \_\_\_\_\_ **To:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Size in Group:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Include set-up and clean-up time)*

**Any Special Requirements of Requests:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Certain requests may be subject to an additional fee)*

**Purpose of Facility Use: (Be Specific):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Organization/Individual:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Organization/Individual Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Organization/Individual Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Person Responsible:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone (H):** \_\_\_\_\_ **(W):** \_\_\_\_\_ **(Cell):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

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- The reservation contact listed above is legally responsible for any and all actions of the facility use while they in use. This person will be held financially responsible for any and all damages to park property caused by a member of his/her group. This person is responsible for his/her group’s adherence to all permit guidelines including those pertaining to alcohol use.
- The reservation contact hereby acknowledges that he/she has read, understands and agrees to comply with the guidelines outlined in this permit request. The reservation contact further verifies that he/she is 18 years of age or older (21 or older is alcohol is being served).
- The reservation contact hereby request reservation of the Town of Tupper Lake facility for the date(s), times and purpose shown. He/she further agrees to hold harmless and completely indemnify the Town of Tupper Lake, its officer, agents and employees, in any claim of personal injury or property damage in any way arising from use of the facility.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**FACILITY HOURS:** Daily: 10AM – 10PM

**PETS:** Dogs are allowed at Littlewolf Beach/Campground & Rod & Gun areas, however they must be leashed at all times and waste properly disposed. Dogs are not allowed in swimming area of beach.

**ALCOHOL:** Alcoholic beverages shall only be consumed only by those of age. No glass containers allowed. The permit holder is required to acquire a permit from the NYS Liquor Authority for parties of 50 or more. Alcoholic beverages may NOT be sold on the premises.

**MUSIC:** Amplified live music is allowed after 12PM at reasonable levels only.

**ELECTRICITY:** There are several outlets located in the pavilion area at the Municipal Beach. If multiple outlets or extension cords are needed please first consult with the caretaker.

**RESTRICTIONS:** Firearms, fireworks, profanity or objectionable language, unlicensed motorized vehicles, illicit drugs and soliciting are prohibited.

**CLEAN UP AND DAMAGES:** Cleanup and any damages are the responsibility of the group or individual holding the permit. Please make sure the area is properly cleaned for the enjoyment of the next user.

**CANCELLATIONS:** If you decide to cancel, this office must be notified at least 2 weeks prior to your event in order to receive your deposit back.

Motion to approve adding \$50.00 charge, plus \$200.00 deposit for use of Town Owned Community Facilities was made by Councilman Quinn.

Seconded by Councilman Dechene  
All Town Board Members voted AYE 5/0 Littlefield, Quinn, Dechene, Lefebvre, Skiff

Resolution #21/2014  
**2014 LITTLE WOLF BEACH**  
**RULES & REGULATIONS**  
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY  
AMENDED 6-12-2014  
Revised 8-14-2014

*Welcome to the Town of Tupper Lake’s Little Wolf Campground and Beach!*

*We're so happy you've chosen to spend time with us.*

There are a few rules in order to make everyone's experience fun, safe, and enjoyable.

**TOWN ORDINANCE:** No ATV's (3 & 4 Wheelers) or dirt bikes allowed. There is one 4-wheeler owned by the Town and used only by a town employee for work purposes only on the grounds.

**ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE:** Check in time is 2 p.m. or later. Check out time on the day you leave is 12 p.m.

**PAYMENT:** Full payment for entire stay is due at check-in. Seasonal Rentals payment is due in full by May 1<sup>st</sup>. **50% down by September 10<sup>th</sup> for next season.** No exceptions if not paid you forfeit your site.

**BEACH:** Absolutely no one in the water unless the lifeguards are on duty and only within the roped beach area. **Hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.** and only when the season begins in June, once school is out.

**VEHICLES:** No more than 2 vehicles at a site at any given time. Parking is available by beach area.

**SPEED LIMIT:** drive slowly on the grounds – **5 MPH**. Speeding WILL NOT be tolerated.

**WILDLIFE:** Please remember there are bears and other critters around. Do not leave items out that they will find desirable. Please bag garbage and place it in the dump trailer located near the entrance. **Do not** feed ducks, geese, and seagulls.

**SEWAGE:** There is a dump station near the front entrance. There is a \$10 charge for non-campers and non-residential dumps.

**DOGS:** You must provide proof that your pet(s) is current on all required shots prior to check-in. All pets must be attended, leashed and cleaned up after in all areas of the campground.

**CAMPFIRES:** Must be attended at all times. A maximum of half cord (4' x 4') of wood shall be stored per camp site. During burn bans, no fires of any type are permitted. Please do not place ashes in the trailer – if you need a pick-up of ashes let us know.

**SMOKING:** Prohibited around concession stand and on beach.

**LITTERING:** Prohibited in every area of the campground.

**DUMPSTER:** Only camping garbage.

**NOTICE:** All campers and their visitors are required to conduct themselves in a respectable manner. Loud vulgarity will not be tolerated. Quiet hours are to be observed from 10:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. All children must obey the curfew of 9:30 p.m. and be at their campsite or accompanied by a parent. **No children under the age of 18 may be left at the campground without a responsible adult supervising them. Children 5 years and under must be supervised at all times in playground area.**

**OTHER ITEMS:** Cable TV is available at each site. You must make your own arrangements with the Time Warner Cable.

As the summer goes on, we will be working on renovations and repairs as well as normal daily maintenance. Suggestions are always welcome, but we do operate under a budget!

The snack bar will be up & running Memorial weekend with more added as time goes on. We appreciate your business. We will also have some extra items – wood, ice (cubes).



Little Wolf Beach Campgrounds reserves the right to take any action at equity and/or law that we deem appropriate to enforce the Rules and Regulations of Little Wolf Beach Campgrounds.

All campers and their visitors are required to obey all municipal ordinances, resolutions and other laws, all county regulations and laws, all state laws and all federal laws.

*Thank you in advance for your cooperation and let’s have a great summer!*

**\*If there is any problem let us know. We cannot correct or fix the problems if we do not know about them.**

Date: June 12, 2014	Date: August 14, 2014
Motion: Councilman Dechene	Motion: Councilman Skiff
Seconded: Councilwoman Lefebvre	Seconded: Councilman Dechene
Absent: Councilman Quinn & Councilman Skiff	Action: Carried 5/0 vote Littlefield, Quinn, Dechene, Lefebvre, Skiff
Action: Carried 3/0 vote Littlefield, Dechene, Lefebvre	

11. Resolution for Town & Village  
Justice Court Assistance Program:

Resolution #27 - 2014

At a regular Board Meeting of the Village of Tupper Lake on July 21, 2014/ Resolution #072114A

At a regular Board Meeting of the Town of Tupper Lake on August 14, 2014/ Resolution #27 2014

**WHEREAS**, both the Town and Village justice courts need to be refurbished and/or rebuilt; and

**WHEREAS**, there are funds available in the maximum amount of \$30,000 available to the Village and another \$30,000 maximum available to the Town from the Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP); and

**WHEREAS**, the Village is building an emergency services building that will house the police department and by locating a new justice court in that building for the Town and Village will facilitate arraignments and the process of justice;

**NEW THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, the Village of Tupper Lake and the Town of Tupper Lake authorize the application for JCAP funding to construct a new justice court for the Village and Town in the total maximum amount combined of \$60,000.

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	Mary Casagrain – Town of Tupper Lake Village Clerk

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	Laurie J Fuller – Town of Tupper Lake Town Clerk RMC

Motion: Councilman Dechene  
Seconded: Councilman Skiff  
Action: Carried 5/0 vote Littlefield, Quinn, Dechene, Lefebvre, Skiff

Date: August 14, 2014

12. Condolences:

Supervisor Littlefield & Town Council wish to send their condolences to the Garrelts family for the passing of Dick Garrelts and the Edwards family for the passing of Phil Edwards.

13. Authorize expense for

### Refreshment at Wild Center

Councilman Quinn stated on August 26, 2014 the trail at Goodman Mountain will be dedicated in memory of civil rights activist Andrew Goodman and a reception at the Wild Center after ceremony.

Motion to authorize expense in the amount of \$200.00 for refreshments at the Wild Center for reception after Goodman Mountain ceremony was made by Councilman Quinn

Seconded by Councilman Skiff

All Town Board Members voted AYE 5/0 Littlefield, Quinn, Dechene, Lefebvre, Skiff

14. School Taxes to be collected in town office for walk ins only:

Town Supervisor Patricia Littlefield and Town Clerk Laurie Fuller meet with Tupper Lake Central School Business Manager Dan Bower about the town clerk's office collecting school taxes for walk ins only. Town Clerk Laurie has offered her services. Stipend to be determined

Motion to approve Town Clerk Laurie Fuller to collect 2014 school taxes in her office for walk ins only, was made by Councilwoman Lefebvre

Seconded by Councilman Quinn

All Town Board Members voted AYE 5/0 Littlefield, Quinn, Dechene, Lefebvre, Skiff

15. Advertise for bids for Firewood:

Motion to advertise for bids for 40 face cords of 18 inch long fire wood delivered to highway garage was made by Councilman Quinn

Seconded by Councilman Skiff

All Town Board Members voted AYE 5/0 Littlefield, Quinn, Dechene, Lefebvre, Skiff

16. Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway moneys:

### **RESOLUTION #25 – 2014**

#### **THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF TUPPER LAKE** **FRANKLIN COUNTY, NEW YORK**

#### **Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Moneys**

**WHEREAS**, Agreement between the Town Superintendent of the Town of Tupper Lake, Franklin County, New York and the undersigned members of the Town Board, and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of Section 284 of the Highway Law, we agree that moneys levied and collected in the Town for repair and improvements of highway, and received from the State for State Aid for the repair and improvements of highways, shall be expended as follow;

**WHEREAS**, the sum of \$71,500.00 shall be set aside to be expended for primary work and general repairs upon 6/10 miles of town highway, on the road commencing at Old Wawbeek Road and leading to Old Wawbeek Road a distance of 3100 feet.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, at the regular Town Board meeting held August 14, 2014 board members signed agreement for the expenditure of highway moneys.

Motion: Councilman Quinn

Seconded: Councilman Skiff

Action: Carried 5/0 Littlefield, Quinn, Dechene, Lefebvre, Skiff

Date: August 14, 2014

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Laurie J Fuller, Town Clerk RMC

17. Public Comment:

Rudolph Schneider asked if anything was done on the suggestion of putting in culvert on Underwood Bridge causeway to help flow of water at **Setting Pole Dam**. Supervisor Littlefield has put in a call to DEC, have not heard anything back from them.

Assembly **Candidate Karen Bisso** is running against Assemblywoman Janet Duprey in the Republican Primary. Karen introduced herself to board members and stated she is currently in the process of visiting all 37 towns in the Assembly District; familiarize herself with the issues of each town.

18. Executive Session:

Motion to enter into executive session at 8:29 p.m. to discuss Union Contract & Legal Matters was made by Councilwoman Lefebvre

Seconded by Councilman Dechene  
All Town Board Members voted AYE

Motion to enter out of executive Session at 9:28 p.m. was made by Councilwoman Lefebvre

Seconded by Councilman Skiff  
All Town Board Members voted AYE 5/0 Littlefield, Quinn, Dechene, Lefebvre, Skiff

19. Approve Union Contract:

Motion to execute CSEA Union Contract as presented pending signatures of CSEA Union and CSEA President was made by Councilman Dechene

Seconded by Councilman Skiff  
All Town Board Members voted AYE 5/0 Littlefield, Quinn, Dechene, Lefebvre, Skiff

20. Approve Vaillancourt property State  
Supreme Court Action for Town Zoning Law

RESOLUTION #28 – 2014

OF

THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF TUPPER LAKE  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, NEW YORK

WHEREAS, Sootbusters, LLC and/or Michael Vaillancourt and/or Ursula Vaillancourt own property located at 40 Barry Avenue in the Town; and

WHEREAS, the property is being used for the storage of certain construction equipment in violation of a Planning Board-imposed condition of approval, and

WHEREAS, over the objection of the Town Zoning Administrator/Code Enforcement Officer, the owner installed fuel tanks for the refueling of a commercial fleet of trucks in violation of the Town Zoning Law; and

WHEREAS, the Town Zoning Administrator/Code Enforcement Officer issued a Determination and Notice of Violation to Sootbusters, LLC, Michael Vaillancourt and Ursula Vaillancourt; and

WHEREAS, the condition and use of the property remains in violation of the Planning Board condition of approval and the Town Zoning Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Tupper Lake Town Board hereby authorizes the law firm of Miller, Mannix, Schachner & Hafner, LLC to commence a State Supreme Court Action to enforce Planning Board conditions of approval and the Town Zoning Law and to enjoin further violations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is authorized to undertake any action necessary to effectuate the purpose of the Resolution.

Date: August 14, 2014

Motion: Councilman Skiff

Seconded: Councilwoman Lefebvre

Action: Carried 5/0 vote Littlefield, Quinn, Dechene, Lefebvre, Skiff

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Laurie J Fuller – Town Clerk RMC

21. Approve sending letter to DEC & DOT  
Rail-Trial management plan:

August 15, 2014

Honorable Joe Martens, Commissioner  
NYSDEC  
625 Broadway  
Albany, NY 12233-1011

Honorable Joan McDonald  
NYS Department of Transportation  
50 Wolf Road  
Albany, NY 12232

Dear Honorable Martens, and Honorable McDonald:

The Town of Tupper Lake welcomes the State's decision to both reopen the management plan for the Remsen-Lake Placid corridor and to recommend the construction of a rail-trail at least on the 34 mile section between Lake Placid and Tupper Lake.

While the plans for the corridor south of Tupper Lake remain unsettled, many believe that the entire corridor should be developed for recreation. We are simply writing to ask that you expedite the hearings and decisions with respect to the segment between Lake Placid and Tupper Lake that has been thoroughly researched. Assuming the State's recommendations are upheld, this portion could be constructed quickly and at minimal taxpayer expense.

Studies suggest that conversion of the 34 mile segment would bring new tourists to the area with added local spending and possible creation of many new jobs. Our communities need this economic boost now and there appears to be no reason for delay.

We encourage the Departments of Environmental Conservation and Transportation to expedite hearing, reach rapid decisions and begin construction on an expedited basis. We simply cannot afford to wait.

Respectfully Yours,  
TOWN OF TUPPER LAKE

Patricia S. Littlefield  
Town Supervisor

Cc: The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of N Y State, NYS Capital Building, Albany, NY 12224  
Basil Seggos, Deputy Secretary for Environment, Exec Chamber, State Capitol, Albany NY 12224  
Leilani Ulrich, Chairwoman, Adirondack Park Agency, 1133 State Route 86, Ray Brook, NY 12977

Motion to send letter as presented above was made by Councilman Quinn

Seconded by Councilman Dechene  
All Town Board Members voted AYE 5/0 Littlefield, Quinn, Dechene, Lefebvre, Skiff

## 22. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 9:34 p.m. was made by Councilman Skiff

Seconded by Councilwoman Lefebvre  
All Town Board Members voted AYE 5/0 Littlefield, Quinn, Dechene, Lefebvre, Skiff

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Laurie J Fuller – Town Clerk RMC